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SUBJECT: TRUCKS FOR THE ZAMBIAN RUN

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1. STATUS OF CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS FOR SUPPLYING ZAMBIA THROUGH EAST AFRICA CONFUSING. EMBASSY SUBMITTING AIRGRAM THIS WEEK WHICH NOTES ABSENCE CRISIS ACTIVITY IN DAR ES SALAAM HARBOR DURING PAST FEW MONTHS. PORT WORKING MUCH UNDER RPT UNDER CAPACITY.

2. TANGOV ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME VERY WARY ABOUT BUYING ADDITIONAL TRUCKS FOR ZAMBIAN RUN. NATIONAL TRANSPORT CORPORATION (NTC) INSIST THEY STILL IN MARKET FOR UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF TRUCKS BUT HAVE INFORMED PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS THAT ALL PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS FOR " TECHNICAL APPRAISAL". UNOFFICIALLY LOCAL FORD AGENTS WERE TOLD THAT NTC HAS DECIDED TO HOLD OFF AND SEE WHAT ZAMBIANS ARE GOING TO COME UP WITH.

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3. IF TAW ACTUALLY ABLE TO ACHIEVE CAPACITY OF 36,000 TONS
MONTHLY (REFTEL -- WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE A VERY OPTIMISTIC
PREDICTION) THEN THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ROAD
HAULAGE EQUIPMENT IN EAST AFRICA. ZANTAM ROAD SERVICE
(ZTRS) CARRIED 20,000 TO 25,000 TONS PER MONTH INTO
ZAMBIA AS A MATTER OF COMMERCIAL ROUTINE DURING 1971 AND
EARLY PART OF 1972. PRESUMABLY THIS COMBINED TAW- ZTRS
THEORETICAL CAPACITY WELL ABOVE CURRENT OR PAST ESTIMATES
OF TOTAL OF ZAMBIAN IMPORT TRAFFIC THROUGH EAST AFRICA.
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